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JFK Autopsy 'Photos' on Sale

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Harrison Livingstone, a novelist and freelance journalist, is trying to sell photographs he describes as copies of the autopsy pictures of President Kennedy. He says that he is selling them because he and his group need at least $800,000 "to prove the conspiracy in the murder of our president."

The photos are purported to be copies of those turned over to the National Archives by the Kennedy family in 1966 with the express stipulation that they never be shown to the public.

In 1977, copies of the prints, but no negatives, were lent to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. The committee's chief counsel, G. Robert Blakey, kept them in a safe and then returned them to the Archives in January, 1979, by armored truck.

Livingstone has been writing a series of assassination articles in the Baltimore Chronicle, a community monthly.

ABC and NBC told Blakey of the offer on Monday. Blakey, who has been teaching law at Cornell since the work of the committee ended, reported the matter to the Department of Justice, and he said yesterday that he expected the government to take immediate action.

"There are two things possible here," Blakey said. "Either it's a fraud against the people who would purchase these pictures. Or it's an attempt to sell stolen property."

Reached at the office of his attorney in Baltimore, Livingstone said there was no fraud. "I have five different pictures," he said. "They're legitimate. And they aren't stolen." Asked how he had acquired them, he said, "No one will ever find out."

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